



BEACHCOMBING

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

1. Working with your family or friends, complete at least three tasks from each section.
2. Have an adult write their initials by each activity you complete.
3. Return your completed task sheet to a National Park Service ranger at the beach or at the park's main visitor center.
4. Receive your Junior Rangers badge!!!

The Lake

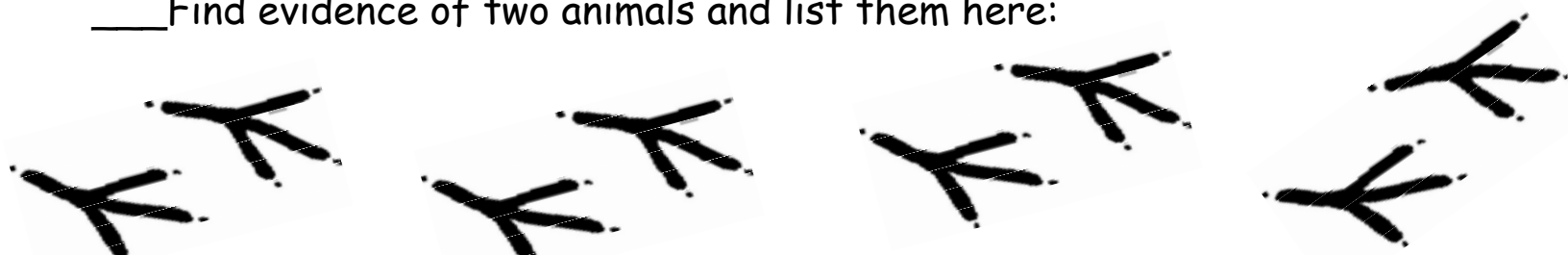
- ___ Name the five Great Lakes. (Here's a hint: HOMES)
- ___ Using the drawings on the back as a guide, make a sand sculpture of one of the animals found in Lake Michigan.
- ___ True or ___ False Sharks and whales live in Lake Michigan.
- ___ Find and read a rip current sign on the beach. Talk with your family about what you would do if you were caught in a rip current.
- ___ Rate how rough the lake is today, with one being calm and five being very rough.

The Beach

- ___ Explore the shoreline and find three different colored rocks.
- ___ Explore the shoreline and find a small shell with black stripes on it.
- ___ Find a small sand dune forming behind a piece of debris or a plant.
- ___ Leave no trace. Pack out everything that you brought to the beach.

The Dunes

- ___ Hike one of the trails in the beach area. Describe the most interesting thing you found on the trail?
- ___ Point out the type of plant or grass that you saw most and describe it
- ___ Point out the most common tree that you saw and describe it.
- ___ Find evidence of two animals and list them here:



ANIMALS FOUND IN LAKE MICHIGAN:

BURBOT:

Length: 15 to 22 inches

Weight: 1 to 3 pounds

Coloring: mottled olive-green to shades of brown on back; cream-colored underneath



MUSKY:

Length: varies but up to 5 feet

Weight: varies but up to 40 pounds

Coloring: dark colored bars on a light-colored background of silvery green to light brown



LAKE STURGEON:

Length: 3 to 5 feet

Weight: 10 to 80 pounds

Coloring: olive-brown to grey on back and sides, with white belly



LAKE TROUT:

Length: 17 to 27 inches

Weight: 3 to 9 pounds

Coloring: light spots on darker background; light underside



COHO SALMON:

Length: 11 to 26 inches

Weight: 2 to 8 pounds

Coloring: steel-blue to slightly green on back; bright silver on sides; white underside

